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Title: Need to take steps for commissioning of Kudankulam Atomic Power Project in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): The Kudankulam Atomic Power Project was conceived nearly 15 years ago and is supposed to have commenced power generation last year itself. Work is on for the 2000 MW first phase of the project. There is inordinate delay in the execution of the project. I want the Government to take immediate steps to persuade the Russian Engineers to speed up the project and also for early commission.

The people of South Tamil Nadu are deeply upset over delay in clearing the II phase of the Kudankulam project set to create 4000 MW. Further, the Russian Government has already told India that it is willing to set up this 4000 MW project.

I want Government of India not to wait for Indo-US Nuclear Treaty before giving clearance to the II phase of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project. I want to draw the attention of this august House that South Tamil Nadu where Kudankulam is situated, is one of the poorest regions of the country having no industry or organization worth mentioning.

I urge upon the Government of India to take all possible steps for the early execution of the project.